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Applicant	:	Edward W. Taylor, Jr, et al.
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Title	:	COMPOSITE THERMAL PROTECTIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD
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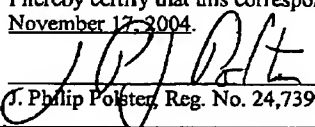
INTERVIEW SUMMARY
MPEP 713.04

Sir:

On November 4, 2004, an applicant-initiated telephone interview was held in this case. The Examiner, Tamra Dicus, and her supervisor, Bruce Hess represented the Office, and applicants' attorney, J. Philip Polster, one of the applicants, Edward Taylor, and Mr. Polster's secretary, Andréa Nichols, were present in Mr. Polster's office.

The Examiners immediately indicated that claims 14-23 and 45-61 were allowable, and that claims 1-13 would be allowable if they contained a limitation that the lower layer swelled when heated. Applicants' attorney indicated that the

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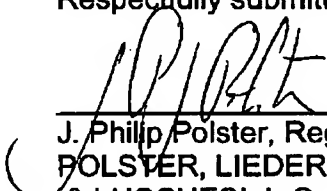

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word "active" had been defined in the specification to require that the material swell to at least twice its original thickness, and pointed to page 2, line 16 through page 3, line 3, and to page 9, lines 16-17. The Examiners Indicated that Ms. Dicus would prepare a statement of reasons for allowance in which she would indicate that the word "active" was regarded as indicating that the layer swelled upon heating to a critical temperature.

The art of record, particularly Levine and Bagdasarian, was reviewed, and patentability over the art was confirmed.

A Notice of Allowance has now been received. It is believed that the interview constituted a withdrawal of the final rejection. Alternatively, this communication constitutes a complete response to the Office action (final rejection) of July 28, 2004; should any fee be required on account of this response, please charge our deposit account 162201.

Respectfully submitted,



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